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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims ~~18-27, 34-36, 40 and 41~~, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please ~~amend~~ claim 1 as follows:

- 3.1 > 1. (Amended) An expandable tubular assembly, comprising:
- a pair of radially expanded tubular members having radially expanded threaded portions coupled to one another; and
 - a quantity of a sealant within the radially expanded threaded portions of the radially expanded tubular members.
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Please add claims 42-58 as follows:

42. (New) An assembly, comprising:
- a first solid tubular member comprising a threaded end portion;
 - a second solid tubular member comprising a threaded end portion that engages the threaded end portion of the first solid tubular member;
 - a quantity of a sealant positioned within the threaded portions of the first and second solid tubular members;
 - an expansion cone positioned within at least one of the first and second solid tubular members; and
 - a pressurized chamber defined by the expansion cone and at least one of the first and second solid tubular members.
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43. (New) The assembly of claim 42, wherein the inside surface of at least one of the first and second solid tubular members mates with the external surface of the expansion cone.

44. (New) An assembly, comprising:

- a first solid tubular member comprising a threaded end portion;
 - a second solid tubular member comprising a threaded end portion that engages the threaded end portion of the first solid tubular member; and
 - a quantity of a sealant positioned within the threaded portions of the first and second solid tubular members;
- wherein the inside diameters of the threaded end portions of the first and second tubular members are both greater than the inside diameter of other portions of the first or the second solid tubular member.

sub c2 > 45. (New) An expandable tubular assembly, comprising:

- a pair of expandable tubular members having threaded portions coupled to one another; and
 - a quantity of a sealant within the threaded portions of the tubular members;
- wherein the coupled threaded portions of the expandable tubular members are located on portions of the expandable tubular members that are deformed following radial expansion of the expandable tubular members.

By (unit) 46. (New) An expandable tubular assembly, comprising:

- a pair of expandable tubular members having threaded portions coupled to one another; and
- means for providing a fluid tight seal between the coupled threaded portions of the pair of expandable tubular members following the radial expansion of the coupled threaded portions of the expandable tubular members.

47. (New) An apparatus for coupling an expandable tubular assembly including a plurality of tubular members having threaded portions to a preexisting structure, comprising:

- means for coating the threaded portions of the tubular members with a sealant;
- means for coupling the threaded portions of the tubular members;
- means for curing the sealant;

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means for positioning the tubular members within a preexisting structure; and
means for radially expanding the tubular members into contact with the
preexisting structure.

48. (New) The apparatus of claim 47, wherein the sealant is selected from the group consisting of epoxies, thermosetting sealing compounds, curable sealing compounds, and sealing compounds having polymerizable materials.

49. (New) The apparatus of claim 47, further including:

means for initially curing the sealant prior to radially expanding the tubular
members; and

means for finally curing the sealant after radially expanding the tubular members.

50. (New) The apparatus of claim 47, wherein the sealant can be stretched up to about 30 to 40 percent after curing without failure.

51. (New) The apparatus of claim 47, wherein the sealant is resistant to conventional wellbore fluidic materials.

52. (New) The apparatus of claim 47, wherein the material properties of the sealant are substantially stable for temperatures ranging from about 0 to 450 °F.

53. (New) The apparatus of claim 47, further including:

means for applying a primer to the threaded portions of the tubular members
prior to coating the threaded portions of the tubular members with the
sealant.

54. (New) The apparatus of claim 53, wherein the primer includes a curing catalyst.

55. (New) The apparatus of claim 53, wherein the primer is applied to the threaded portion of one of the tubular members and the sealant is applied to the threaded portion

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of the other one of the tubular members.

56. (New) The apparatus of claim 55, wherein the primer includes a curing catalyst.

57. (New) A system for coupling an expandable tubular assembly including a plurality of tubular members having threaded portions to a preexisting structure, comprising:

means for applying a primer to the threaded portions of the tubular members prior to coating the threaded portions of the tubular members with a sealant;

means for coupling the threaded portions of the tubular members;

means for initially curing the sealant;

means for positioning the tubular members within a preexisting structure;

means for radially expanding the tubular members into contact with the preexisting structure; and

means for finally curing the sealant after radially expanding the tubular members;

wherein the sealant is selected from the group consisting of epoxies,

thermosetting sealing compounds, curable sealing compounds, and

sealing compounds having polymerizable materials;

wherein the primer includes a curing catalyst;

wherein the sealant can be stretched up to about 30 to 40 percent after curing without failure;

wherein the sealant is resistant to conventional wellbore fluidic materials; and

wherein the material properties of the sealant are substantially stable for temperatures ranging from about 0 to 450 °F.

58. (New) A system for coupling an expandable tubular assembly including a plurality of tubular members having threaded portions to a preexisting structure, comprising:

means for applying a primer to the threaded portions of a first group of the tubular members;

means for applying a sealant to the threaded portions of a second group of the tubular members;

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means for coupling the threaded portions of the first and second groups of tubular members;

means for initially curing the sealant;

means for positioning the tubular members within a preexisting structure;

means for radially expanding the tubular members into contact with the preexisting structure; and

means for finally curing the sealant after radially expanding the tubular members;

wherein the sealant is selected from the group consisting of epoxies,

thermosetting sealing compounds, curable sealing compounds, and

sealing compounds having polymerizable materials;

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wherein the primer includes a curing catalyst;

wherein the sealant can be stretched up to about 30 to 40 percent after curing without failure;

wherein the sealant is resistant to conventional wellbore fluidic materials; and

wherein the material properties of the sealant are substantially stable for temperatures ranging from about 0 to 450 °F.
